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General Gehlen, Pleasants, and Tyler came to lunch with me.

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Ernie Leiser of CBS called on me at the office. He has been commissioned by the Sunday Magazine Section of the New York Times to do an article on Minister Strauss, a favorite assignment nowadays for newspaper correspondents. He said everyone he interviewed on the subject had been either violently anti- or pro-Strauss. I told him he had now found an exception. I have always found Herr Strauss a dynamic, able, articulate, congenial man. As regarded the few business dealings I have conducted with him, he had for his part displayed a spirit of thorough cooperation and seemed to handle his affairs decisively. Leiser observed there was considerable suspicion amongst some of the people he had interviewed about the Minister's character and fear of his ambitious nature. I told him I was without sufficient experience to be able to reach any judgment in those respects.

Pinky Thompson arrived today on one of his whirlwind tours and will remain over the weekend.

The Secretary is to go directly from Copenhagen on May 8 to Berlin where he will arrive about lunchtime. He will go on from there to Paris, taking me with him. Consequently, the Ambassadors' Meeting, scheduled to commence on the 8th, has been postponed until

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